

Capital Electric Cooperative Board of Directors Candidates

District 1

Dave Charles



What makes you a good candidate for Capital Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors?

I am a retired electrical power engineer, with over 35 years of experience in distribution utility operations management, regional transmission (RTO) operations and ND Public Service Commission work. As a lifetime member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), I stay well informed of all current power and electrical engineering issues. I have been honored to serve as an active CEC district 1 director for two terms (6 years). To be an effective director, I have attended all National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) director certificate training programs to achieve the highest level, Director Gold Credential. With my past experience and ongoing education, I am well positioned to provide insight and direction for the challenges facing the power industry, CEC and consequently, all of us as members.

If elected, what would your priorities be?

My top priorities are improving membership communication and education, support for safety, best use of new technologies and cost control. I will continue to be committed to hearing and representing your concerns, and to give the time and effort needed to represent you well to ensure the safe, reliable and affordable energy we have come to expect from CEC, while always upholding our cooperative values.

Dwight Hinkel



What makes you a good candidate for Capital Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors?

I have been a member of electric cooperative(s) my whole life and I value the quality of life they bring to their members. As an engineer and business-man I understand the complex issues facing the future of any energy related business and would be well qualified to suggest solutions to other board members and the CEC management team

If elected, what would your priorities be?

Being a team player to move forward the goals of reliable low-cost energy to its members. Discussing in layman's terms complex technical and business-related issues to other board members.

Bryan Klipfel



What makes you a good candidate for Capital Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors?

I am confident that I have the skills, experience and qualifications to make me a valuable candidate for the position. I am a strategic thinker with a proven track record of success in each organization that I have had the opportunity to serve. I have almost 46 years of experience working for the State of North Dakota. I have held executive level positions with the ND Highway Patrol, Job Service of North Dakota and Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI). During more than four decades of state service, I have improved the lives of citizens and team members alike by developing strategies that focus on customers.

If elected, what would your priorities be?

My main priority on the board would be to learn about the cooperative business model and represent the needs of the co-op's member owners. As a member of the board of directors, I would help set policies and provide guidance for all consumer-owners. As a director, I would provide guidance to the co-op's management team with strategic plan development to meet operational and financial goals and alignment with serving our member owners. I would provide advice on developing and implementing a foundational philosophy of servant leadership. Servant leadership principles are important for a successful organization with engaged employees as the Capital Electric staff are what makes the organization successful.

District 2

David Straley



What makes you a good candidate for Capital Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors? I believe my top qualities include my diversity of education, the experience working in the energy industry, the ability to continue to learn and make educated decisions, my self-drive and determination for improvement and my communication skills. Using these qualities and being open-minded to new thoughts and ideas make for great board members. I also am not afraid to speak up for what I believe. I enjoy having connections with with other cooperative members.

If elected, what would your priorities be?

If re-elected to serve on Capital Electric's board, I will continue to focus on keeping the main thing the main thing. For the last three years, I have continued to promote policies that achieve the cooperative's goal to provide affordable and reliable electric service in the safest manner possible to its members. It is also in the best interest of Capital Electric for its board members to listen to the concerns of members and if necessary, act. My priorities will be to ensure the members of Capital Electric Cooperative receive what they deserve.

Bret Weiland



What makes you a good candidate for Capital Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors? My bachelor's degree in energy management combined with 8+ years of working in the energy industry have provided me with real-world experience relevant to the role of a director. From being the person who has fielded phone calls and listened to the concerns of the end users of electric power, to calling out the linemen at all hours, I bring a unique perspective and understanding of the needs of the consumer and the Cooperative.

If elected, what would your priorities be?

If elected, I have three priorities. First, to protect the Cooperative and its members by ensuring we keep local control local. Second, to ensure the line workers and engineering staff are properly equipped with the latest technology to keep the lights on and the line workers safe. Third, to continue to provide the members of our Cooperative with affordable, reliable power.

District 3



Kyle Tschosik What makes you a good candidate for Capital Electric Cooperative's Board of Directors? I worked for Great River Energy at the Stanton station for more than 35 years. I was a union member for more than 29 years and in management for more than 6 years, retiring in 2017. My last position was leader of plant operations. I understand Capital Electric Cooperative's objectives and union concerns. I am familiar with the power grid and how power is distributed. I currently serve on the Capital Electric board and I'm a past mayor of Wilton, so I'm experienced in leadership roles.

If elected, what would your priorities be?

With the challenging markets and with alternative power sources in the industry today, I would like to be part of the decision-making process. Capital Electric has seen steady growth over the last few years, and I would like to help this trend continue. My primary goal is to keep the cooperative strong and viable and to provide safe, reliable and affordable power to its customers.